

SYRIA

- I. Discontent and resentment of Cairo's rule have grown among all classes of the Syrian population as a result of further deterioration of economic conditions, stemming partly from three successive years of drought.
- A. This was reflected dramatically a month ago when a bread riot in Damascus had to be quelled by Syrian troops.
- B. The value of the Syrian pound has drifted gradually but steadily downward.
- C. Even though Nasir has again postponed contemplated moves to nationalize some private Syrian industries and unify Egyptian and Syrian currencies, the conviction that he will soon undertake such measures has antagonized the Syrian business community.
- D. Open and outspoken criticism of Nasir has become common. . .

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